

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORT

Work Location CIB
November 1, 2006

In the matter of: Harassment by neighbor



To: Michael W. DUBIS

Captain of Police

This report is written by Detective Shannon Lewandowski assigned to CIB, late shift. Since the summer of 2005, I have had multiple problems with my neighbor Lawrence Poggenburg who resides at 5231 W. Washington BLVD. I have spoken to Sgt. Staton of District Three who has made attempts to resolve the issues that Lawrence Poggenburg has, but was unsuccessful.

Poggenburg's actions consist of; blowing all of his leaves in front of my house; purposely barricading my vehicle with his lawn debris; snowblowing at 3:00am; damaging my plants that are adjacent to his property in the front of my house; playing loud music and refusing to turn it down when asked; harassing my children and coming onto my property after being told by Sgt. Staton to leave me alone and not have any contact with my children. Lawrence Poggenburg has asked my sons (12 and 16 years of age) to go out with him for ice cream, to babysit for him, and told them that he does not like me. Poggenburg cut down a tree on his property. The tree fell onto my property which resulted in my having to resod that area.

When Lawrence Poggenburg baricaded my car in, with his tree and lawn debris, I removed it. When he blew all of his leaves onto my front sidewalk and lawn, I removed them. When he plays his loud music when I am sleeping during the day, I wear headphones. I have done whatever possible to remove that strife, however it is overbearing

In August of 2006, Lawrence Poggenberg threatened my job and my reputation. He stated to me that "people like me do not belong on the Police Department" and would do whatever it took to either, "make me move or get me fired, whichever comes first". I am a single parent and the provider for my children. This threat caused me great concern. Lawrence Poggenburg has continually harassed me verbally, as well as using the power of the Police Department to further harass me. He has also used other agencies by giving me unfounded parking citations; such as the one issued on 10-31-06 at 1:25pm (CIT# 365025286) stating that I was parked within 4 feet of his driveway. The address that the violation supposedly occurred at was his address of 5231 W. Washington Blvd. I, however, was parked in front of my house at 1632 N 53rd St, not anywhere close to 5231 W Washington Blvd, and I have a witness, my neighbor to the south of me, that can verify. It should be noted that there is no driveway for me to have parked within 4 feet of at 5231 W Washington Blvd. Poggenberg's driveway is on 53rd St. , approximately 1638 N 53rd St.

I have done everything possible to get along with this neighbor. I am very active in my neighborhood, and therefore whenever there is a problem in the neighborhood, I am frequently the person neighbors turn to. He has threatened other neighbors with lawsuits or other legal issues in an effort to intimidate them. Other neighbors have seen him violating traffic laws but were afraid to call the police because they did not want to be harrassed as I have been. I am not the sole complainant of Lawrence Poggenburg. Other neighbors have complained to me regarding his loud music and refusal to give them the Washington Heights newsletter since becoming the area contact person etc.

Since Lawrence Poggenburg moved in next door he has deliberately done whatever possible to impede my happiness by his persistent petty annoyances, as well as, causing me and other neighbors, mental tribulations. His perpetual and unrelenting harassment has cost me sleep, money and time away from my children in an effort to deal with this situation. This Matter Of was written in an effort to advise the Department of this situation so that when Poggenburg does attempt to make good on his threat, there will be documented evidence of his motive.

I also request that this parking citation be released, for I was not only more than four feet from his drive on 53rd St., but I was also not parked at the location that the citation states on 10-31-06.

Respectfully submitted,

Det. Shannon Lewandowski

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Capt Nicholas Deltis

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